



Colonel Jason Nelson attended Emporia State University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. Colonel Nelson has completed the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer Captains Career Course, Combined Arms Exercise, Intermediate Level Education – Common Core, Advanced Officers Warfighting Course, and is currently enrolled in the US Army War College Department of Distant Education Class of 2020.

Nelson began his military career in 1990 as a M60A3 Armored Crewman and was commissioned a second lieutenant through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Emporia State University in 1995.

Nelson's previous assignments include Commander Company B, 1st Battalion, 635th Armor in Junction City, Kansas; Commander Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 635th Armor in Manhattan, Kansas; Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 635th Armor; Chief of Operations for the 35th Infantry Division, and Deputy Brigade Commander for the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Army National Guard. He is currently assigned as the Deputy United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) for Kansas. Colonel Nelson has deployed three times with the National Guard. The first deployment was to Kosovo from October 2004 through February 2006, then to Afghanistan from November 2010 through October 2011 and most recently to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield as the Deputy Brigade Commander for the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team from February 2018 – April 2019.

Colonel Nelson's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service ribbon with bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the Honorable Order of Saint George.